

May 18, 1977

Mr. Charlie Talley
Jess Wood Plumbing and Heating, Inc.
2050 S. Campbell
Springfield, Missouri

Dear Mr. Talley:

Your request for a clarification of regulations regarding outside drains tributary to the sanitary sewer system has been referred to me. Your understanding that such a practice is illegal is substantially correct. Our ordinances, specifically Chapter 30, Section 30-5, prohibits the discharge of storm water, surface or ground water, runoff, subsurface drainage, or other unpolluted water into the sanitary sewers. If the assumption is made that an outside drain would be subject to receiving such discharges, then its connection to our sanitary system would be a violation. In fact, to allow such a connection would place the City in violation of Federal Law. Such a connection would be in compliance only when the drain was fully protected from receiving such unpolluted waters.

We appreciate very much your concern that the work you do be in compliance with applicable codes.

We will be happy to supply additional information or clarification either in general or in specific regard to the Naval Marine Addition project you spoke of. If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to call.

Yours truly,

Charles H. Criswell
Associate Environmental Engineer
Chief, Water Pollution Control

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cc: Mr. John R. Nixon, Regional Administrator, Department of Natural Resources
Mr. Robert R. Schaefer, P.E., Superintendent of Sanitary Services
Mr. Eugene D. Pabst, Surveillance & Enforcement
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If we can be of any further assistance, or if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call.

Yours truly,

Henry M. Cole, P.E.
Sanitary Engineer

cc: Robert Schaefer, P.E., Superintendent of Sanitary Services